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Column One By David Courtney

The Soviet people have no basis for doubting that the American people also do not want war. It would have been better if Mr. Shvernik had added, after the reference to the American people, the words — "and the U.S. Administration." Mr. McDermott might not then have said words to the effect that the Soviet people, in what appears to be at least a courteous reply to the memorandum addressed to him by President Truman, speak with his tongue in his cheek. Mr. Truman's memorandum, of course, was also addressed mainly to the Soviet people and spoke of them as an entity not necessarily represented by the Russian Government.

THE Washington reports say that the Soviet letter, which speaks of a common desire for peace, the desirability of a limitation in the armaments burden of nations, and the usefulness of a five power conference, is regarded in America as merely an attempt to show and delude the world. Without for one minute denying Washington's right to hold that view, one cannot but ask what more conciliatory reply Mr. Truman expected. It is of course possible that Mr. Shvernik is but one more instrument in a pernicious campaign of Soviet propaganda. That, in turn, suggests that President Truman's friendly letter addressed to the Soviet people through their President was also a propaganda device, meaning no more and perhaps no less than Mr. Acheson's recent appeal to the Georgian people, through the "Voice of America," to resist against the harsh regime of their fellow-Georgian, Josef Stalin.

BUT one is reluctant to believe that either Mr. Truman's letter or Mr. Shvernik's reply was of that irresponsible and deceitful nature. The American people want peace and there is, indeed, no reason why the Soviet people should doubt the fact. The Soviet people want peace, at least as fervently and only the absurd and fanatical anti-Communist would doubt it. Mr. Truman and Mr. Acheson, whatever one may think of some of their utterances and policies, are probably the last people in the world to desire war. Mr. Stalin, who is nothing if not cautious, and has given no reason to make one suppose that he is ripe for battle, probably wants peace in his declining years as much as anybody. On these simple grounds, it should be possible to take in all hope and seriousness both the letter of the President of the United States and the reply of the President of the Supreme Presidium of the Soviet.

THIS problem is nothing like as simple as I have put it; but that simplification is inherent in it and could probably be decisive if the two letters were taken at their face value, and the statements moved quickly and confidently to test the valuation.

AMERICA is in a fearful and terrible mood brought about by what it regards as the real and present threat of Communism. Its people and leaders are not merely playing with obvious bogys. They genuinely distrust a system which has been presented to them, during the past five or six years, in terms of espionage, subversion, purge and aggression, and which is backed by the most powerful land army in the world. How far the presentation is distorted or just how far a mere part and not the whole, no one can say. And how far it is worth America's while to take Mr. Shvernik's word for the peaceful intentions of the Soviet, is likewise a matter for thought. But if there is to be any alleviation of this strain, and any hope for a peaceful agreement, the conciliatory mood and the expressed good intention will have to be tested sooner or later. To have policy solely on distrust is to admit that there can be no solution to the world problem now.

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UN Waits For Ben Gurion Invites Communist All Moderates Answer

TOKYO, Wednesday (Reuter). — Allied delegates stood by their advance "peace" camp tonight waiting only for a Communist guarantee of Kasey's neutrality before resuming cease-fire talks.

The chief U.N. delegate, Vice-Admiral Joy, and his three American colleagues flew back to Korea from Tokyo early today after three days' conference with Supreme Commander General Ridgway.

They had waited here for 24 hours for a North Korean and Chinese reply to General Ridgway's demand. The Supreme Commander suspended the talks over the weekend after Admiral Joy had reported armed Chinese near the Kasey conference room. But Communist radio stations remained silent on the demand up to tonight.

U.S. Obstruction Charged One broadcast from Peking radio declared that General Ridgway's protest about the Saturday incident was further proof of American obstruction at the negotiations.

The broadcast quoted Chinese Communist correspondents covering the armistice talks as saying that all Admiral Joy asked the Communist delegation was that "attention be given to neutrality."

He had agreed to a further session for the day following the incident. This incident was this over, the radio said, but Admiral Joy was made to eat his own words.

An Allied communiqué this morning said U.N. troops met determined Communist resistance and counter-attacks on the western front yesterday. One Communist counter-attack was thrown back after a stern three-hour night battle.

Soviet Press Omits American Reply LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter). — Soviet and East European newspapers today published the full text of the messages exchanged between President Truman and the Soviet President, Mr. Nikolai Shvernik, Moscow radio reported today.

With the messages were published the resolutions of the United States Senate and the Supreme Soviet Presidium. Neither the press nor the radio has mentioned that the State Department described the proposal for a five-power pact as "propaganda."

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Prime Minister David Ben Gurion today said all parties elected to the Second Knesset except Herut and the Communists would be welcome to join the next Government. He added, however, that he would make no concessions on economic policy to the General Zionists or on foreign policy to Mapam.

Mr. Ben Gurion, who was speaking at a World Poalei Zion Conference here, said that 15 per cent of the electorate had rejected the General Zionists' proposed "new economic order" and 10 per cent had voted against Mapam's foreign policy based on a Cominform orientation.

He called upon these two parties, the second and third largest in the next Knesset, to accept the verdict of the election until the next election. The General Zionists, who since the municipal elections last November had regarded themselves as the rising force, had sustained a setback. Mapai, he pointed out, had been the only party to poll a higher percentage of the votes in the national election than in Herut's municipal elections. All the others had lost strength.

The four Labour parties (Mapai, Mapam, Hapoel Hamizrachi and Poalei Agudat Israel) polled more than 60 per cent of the electorate. Mr. Ben Gurion was gratified at the collapse of the unnatural alliance of religious parties (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

Ministerial Body On Jalameh. A Ministerial Committee to deal with the recently published report on the Jalameh detention camp incident was appointed at the weekly meeting of the Cabinet held in Jerusalem yesterday.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Moshe Sharett, reviewed recent international political developments. The Minister of Finance, Mr. Eliezer Kaplan, reported on the electric current position and on development projects.

The question of an advance payment for Government employees was also discussed.

It was learned that members of the Committee are Prime Minister David Ben Gurion, Dr. Day Joseph, Minister of Communications, and Mr. M. Shapira, Minister of Immigration.

Congress Court Approves Lists The Court of the World Zionist Congress which is the body authorized to study the legality of the various elections and to confirm the mandates of Congress delegates, held its first session on Tuesday in Jerusalem and confirmed the election results in 26 countries. The next meeting will be held today.

The election of delegates was approved for the following countries: Italy, England, South Africa, South Africa, Belgium, Denmark, Holland, New Zealand, Greece, Poland, Peru, Chile, France, Cuba, Colombia, Canada, Switzerland, Guatemala, Venezuela, Libya, Iran, Brazil, Mexico and Sweden.

The Second Knesset

The 120 seats of the Second Knesset will be distributed as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Party, Seats. Includes Mapai, General Zionists, Hapoel Hamizrachi, Herut, Communists, Progressive, Agudat Israel, Arab Democrats, Sephardi Gen. Zionists, Mizrahi, Poalei Agudat Israel, Yemenuh Arab List, Druse List.

The final tabulation of the total vote, the counting of which was completed yesterday, will be published today.

World G.Z. Open Parley

More than 200 delegates will attend the Conference of the World Confederation of General Zionists which opens in Jerusalem this morning.

Among the issues expected to arouse controversy are identification with the Israel General Zionist Party, internal organization of the movement, its cooperation in the rebuilding of Israel, the line to be followed at the forthcoming Zionist Congress and the future of the World Confederation.

There was still no agreement last night between the General Zionists and the Progressives on the question of the former's representation at the Conference.

The Progressives did not appear at the final meeting which was scheduled for shortly before midnight.

The delegates to today's conference are identical with the delegates to the Zionist Congress. In Israel, however, only the Progressives participated in the Congress election, while the General Zionists boycotted it and thus have no elected delegates.

The General Zionists demand 60 seats at today's meeting, since they showed five times the strength of the Progressives in the Knesset elections. The latter have 12 delegates.

This would naturally swamp the Progressives in the vote on any significant proposals. Progressives were willing to accede only on condition that decisions at the convention are not taken by simple majority. The General Zionists, however, rejected this condition.

SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON SUEZ POSTPONED AGAIN

Progress At Oil Talks

TEHERAN, Wednesday. (Reuter). — Mr. Richard Stokes and his British Government Mission met Persian delegates in the gardens of the Shah's summer palace tonight for the second "oil peace" conference. Both sides reported "some progress" after the two hour conference. A third meeting has been set for tomorrow evening.

The Persians are replying to an aide memoir handed them by Mr. Stokes after Monday's first friendly meeting outlining the British attitude on the three-month-old dispute.

Tonight's meeting is expected to be short, Mr. Stokes, who returned early today from a tour of Abadan Refinery in Southern Persia, was expected to ask for time to consider the reply.

Agreement Wanted The British Minister had a short meeting earlier today with Dr. Buzarji, the Persian Minister of Communications, who is official host to Mr. Stokes, and with Mr. Averell Harriman, President Truman's "oil envoy."

Mr. Stokes told correspondents: "There is every sign that reasonable people here want agreement. But I will go home without agreement rather than accept anything unfair or unreasonable."

Wasi Broad Settlements He indicated his delegation would attempt to find a broad settlement with the Persians leaving details to be settled later.

"I shall keep the Cabinet informed," he said.

In Abadan, Mr. Stokes was the overnight guest of Major Charles Capper, British Consul General, about whom the Persian Central night decided to protest. Mr. Capper had described Hussein Makki, Secretary General of the Persian Oil Commission, and Abbas Masah, Persian information officer at Abadan, as "dangerous elements" who should be expelled to Teheran.

Proposal Must Be Concrete

UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK, Wednesday (INA). — Reliable delegation sources said today that more concrete proposals would have to come from Egypt than Mahmoud Fawzi Bey's suggestion of a return to secret diplomatic negotiations, before the U.S., Britain and France would be willing to delay introduction of their draft resolution to the Security Council tomorrow calling for an end to the Suez blockade.

Fawzi Bey yesterday declared Egypt's willingness to cooperate in a "constructive solution" to the blockade dispute and said the solution would have to come in "secret diplomatic negotiations." American informants, however, made plain today that they still have nothing definite which would promise any success for such negotiations.

Israel sources, commenting on the Egyptian statement, said there can be no room now for further secret negotiations. The issue is clearly one of raising or not raising the blockade, they asserted. Egypt will put up a stiff fight to secure the five negative or abstaining votes needed to kill the proposals. She is pinning her hopes on support from Turkey, India, Yugoslavia, Russia and Nationalist China. Of these only Russia and China are believed certain to abstain or oppose the resolution.

In this connection it is pointed out here that, as Mr. U.N. representatives freely admitted at the time, Turkey owes her seat on the Security Council largely to the effort made on her behalf by Israel's delegation at Lake Success as well as by the diplomatic representatives of Israel all over the world. Turkey's rival for the seat—the Lebanon—then enjoyed the active support of all the Arab states, without exception.

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STIR OVER PAPAGOS ATHENS, Wednesday (AP). — Prime Minister Venizelos said today his government would stamp out a secret army organization alleged to be working for Field Marshal Papagos — "if such an organization still exists."

The Premier made his statement following a claim in the left-wing newspaper "Eleftheria" today that the organization plotted to kill the Marshal in his bid for power in Greek politics.

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Mizrahi Meet On Policy

The separate world conferences of Mizrahi and Hapoel Hamizrachi opened in Jerusalem yesterday. Both conferences were intended primarily to clarify the parties' final stand at the Zionist Congress.

The Hapoel Hamizrachi conference, which opened at Beit Meir, and which was attended by 50 delegates, was less formal than the Mizrahi Convention opened at the same place in the evening in the presence of about 100 delegates.

The central issue of the Hapoel Hamizrachi conference was whether the party should appear as a separate organization at the Congress or bind together with Mizrahi.

Partial Independence The delegates from the U.S. and the Landis faction in the Mizrahi Convention, who are in matters relating to the Zionist Organization, each party should act independently and not be represented by the Mizrahi-Hapoel Hamizrachi Centre, pointing out that this was a purely political decision.

This proposal was strongly opposed by Mr. M. Shapira, the Minister of Interior, who claimed that such a split might lead to the complete disintegration of the Centre and would make a total reorganization of all Hapoel Hamizrachi branches abroad necessary.

Mr. H. Hollander, Director General of the Ministry of Trade and Industry, was the main speaker at the Mizrahi meeting which took up identical issues. He was introduced by Mayor S.J. Shragai.

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The delegates from 50 countries also unanimously acclaimed a manifesto which pledged them to intensify their efforts for the "great task of making the land of Israel the eternal property of the Jewish people and of reclaiming it from waste and desolation."

To strengthen this mission it also urged retention of the organization's "independence."

The resolution, seeking for continued autonomy declared that it was "indispensable for safeguarding the organization's efficiency and in carrying out the great tasks in land acquisition and land development in Israel, and the important educational functions in the Diaspora."

The fund-raising-reform recommended by the conference suggested the establishment of a joint authority in Israel such as outlined at the opening session by Dr. Avraham Granot, Chairman of the Fund's Board of Directors. This authority would consist of representatives

NO NEW PEACE PLAN — PALMER

PARIS, Wednesday (UP). — Mr. Ely Palmer, U.S. Representative and Chairman of the Palestine Conciliation Commission, today denied a statement issued by the Commission's Office in Jerusalem disclosing that it was preparing "new and far-reaching proposals to settle the Palestine problem."

"There has been an incredible amount of guesswork in this field," he said. "Our terms of reference are to work on the outstanding problems of all the Arab countries, including Palestine."

Mr. Palmer declined to discuss the nature of the Commission's report to the U.N. General Assembly now being completed. He added that the members would shortly return to Jerusalem from Geneva for their next meeting.

A U.N. spokesman in Jerusalem was unable to comment last night on the contradiction between Mr. Palmer's remark and the text of the statement issued on Tuesday.

BOND RESULTS BETTER THAN EXPECTED — GERI NEW YORK, Wednesday (Reuter). — Mr. Yacov Geri, Israel Minister of Trade and Industry, left by air for Israel last night after a month in the U.S. in connection with the \$500m. Independence Loan.

He said the subscriptions were better than had been anticipated and that orders for machinery and equipment had been placed in advance of the loan.

Mufti Man Confesses

Dr. Musa Abdallah Husseini, one of the top men detained by the Arab Legion following the assassination of King Abdallah, has confessed to playing a major part in the murder, the Jordan correspondent of the Beirut paper "El Hayat" reports.

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Jerusalem	22	10	10
Haifa	20	10	10
Beth Shean	20	10	10

Haifa Bus Situation
Serious, Shaker Says

HAIFA, Wednesday. — It is doubtful whether minimum bus service could be maintained much longer, the managers of the Shaker Company told the press here today.

While they needed 2,000 buses a year, they have been allocated only 200 since January. Thirty vehicles have already been withdrawn from service, they said.

El Al's Third Constellation Here

LYDDA AIRPORT, Wednesday. — El Al's third Constellation aircraft arrived here this week on the regular passenger run from New York and will be put into service soon to augment the airline's hard-pressed schedule.

An El Al official told The Post today that no new lines are to be opened. Until now El Al had been flying to three continents and across two oceans, but of the time without a spare aircraft in reserve. Consequently numerous delays have occurred when scheduled aircraft have been grounded for technical reasons.

Philippine — Israel Air Pact Signed

The Philippine Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Felipe Neri, and Mrs. Neri left by air for home yesterday following the signing of the Israel-Philippine air agreement on Tuesday.

The agreement, which provides for a regular air service between the two countries, together with the annual technical facilities, replaces the temporary agreement of 1949 under which Philippine aircraft have been using Lydda Airport.

The new agreement was signed at Manila by Mr. Neri and by Mr. Moshe Shapira, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs. The official ceremony, Mr. Neri stated, was the agreement which would open the way to further cooperation between the two countries in the future.

Mr. Neri will return to Manila by air, while Mrs. Neri will return to Manila by sea.

Argentine Plans Flight

TEL AVIV, Wednesday (ITIM). — Argentina plans to explore the present Buenos Aires-Roma route to Lydda, two officials of the Argentine National Airlines told the press here today. They are Sr. Carlos Lora and Sr. Edgar de Harcel, who came to Israel to conduct negotiations with the Ministry of Communications.

Ration News

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The rationing of food and other necessities is being strictly enforced in the city. The Ministry of Communications has issued orders to the police to ensure that no one is found without a ration card.

Cinemas to Open Today in Jerusalem

The Jerusalem cinemas will be reopened today. The five-day strike of the cinema workers has ended. The Municipal Council has agreed to the amount of remuneration to be paid to the workers.

Galicia to Go On Parade

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Galicia youth undergoing pre-military training will stage a huge parade on the eve of the 25th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration. The parade will take place on the grounds in the air and on sea. The Chief of the General Staff, Major-General Yigal Yadin, who visited the Galicia youth camp yesterday, said the achievements of the youth deserved a public showing.

Margarine Strike Motive Slight, Firm Declares

HAIFA, Wednesday. — The strike of the 140 workers of the Editha Products Ltd., scheduled to begin today, has been ordered by the Haifa Labour Council only over the workers' demands for discharge indemnity pay, the management charged today.

The company, producers of Blue Band margarine and Telma mayonnaise, and packers of imported butter, claim that the workers' demands for a general 10 per cent wage increase retroactive to January 1, and for higher social benefits had been conceded by the management representatives.

The one issue on which agreement was not reached, according to the company's spokesman, was the union's demand that, if a labourer is discharged after five years of service, he is to be paid a discharge indemnity of three weeks for each year of service. Instead of two weeks as has hitherto been the case.

No Urgent Issue

The company, which does not consider this an urgent issue, claims that this alone has precipitated the strike, the first in the 12-year history of the enterprise.

The firm had, so far, conducted negotiations with the Haifa Labour Council through the Haifa District Council, the Trade Union Council of the Haifa District, and the Haifa District Council. While the Councils have been asked to mediate, the company has not insisted on the dispute. It is estimated that the public will begin to feel the lack of margarine to the end of the week, as each of the factories produces 40 per cent of the country's output.

10,000 Books Donated To Jerusalem Library

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — A collection of 10,000 books donated by American teachers, publishers and individuals, are to be handed over during the next few days to the Central Pedagogical Library in Jerusalem, by Dr. Charles G. Eichel, president of the Jewish Teachers' Association in the U.S. and member of the American Fund for Israel Institutions.

The collection — a joint project of the Fund, the Community Chest and the Jewish Teachers' Association — includes works on education, fine arts, literature, psychology and the sciences. The donation also includes sufficient wood to shelve them. Dr. Eichel, who visits Israel regularly, has this time come with 18 Jewish communal leaders, New York teachers and university lecturers. The party has been touring the country for 10 days and expects to return to the U.S. next week.

Anxious Father Guilty Of Striking Official

TEL AVIV, Wednesday (ITIM). — Lenny Schwartz, a Tel Aviv father whose son was in urgent need of medicine flown in from abroad, was found guilty by the Magistrate's Court here today of striking a Health Department official who told him that he would have to delay picking up the drug from the airport because of a formality.

Magistrate E. Giliadi bound Schwartz over in the sum of IL50 to be of good conduct for a year and said in his judgment that the father was anxious to get the medicine for his son. He said that the fact that the accused had called to see the Assistant District Pharmacist, Yael Goldstein, several times before he finally found him in his office.

Mr. Goldstein told the court that the medical certificate the father had submitted when applying for an import permit did not specify the amount. Since the medicine had already arrived and was ready for shipment, he decided to issue the permit. He said that the father was very anxious to get the medicine and that he was very cooperative.

Soldier Killed

A soldier was killed on the Tel Aviv road near Ramat yesterday when the Army command car which he was driving overturned.

Baby Succubates

A six-and-a-half-month-old baby, Zevra Naiman, died of suffocation in her crib yesterday in the Tel Aviv quarter of Jerusalem while her mother was watching her outside her house.

BENGURION Discontent Over Japanese Treaty

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (Reuter). — Some diplomatic quarters here think a last-minute compromise on the Anglo-American draft for a Japanese peace treaty will be necessary to avert a possible walkout from the San Francisco peace conference by a number of Far Eastern nations.

In any case, the draft faces some rough diplomatic handling before it will be ready for presentation to the conference to avert a possible walkout from the San Francisco peace conference by a number of Far Eastern nations.

Britain Plans Atomic Power

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter). — The Ministry of Supply confirmed today that British scientists are studying plans for the construction of the world's first experimental nuclear power station at Harwell, Berkshire.

The experimental station, which will work independently of the main power grid, is to be in operation within the next two years. Its construction may also lead to important advances in the use of atomic energy for ship propulsion.

Designs for an atomic power station have been produced by a private company. Once the experimental station has proved itself, another five years will be spent building and perfecting a full-scale atomic power station. Establishment of major generating plants all over the country would take yet another five years.

Cheating At West Point

WEST POINT, NEW YORK, Wednesday. — A special screening board now in session may deprive most of the 80 students of the West Point Military Academy who were to be dismissed for cheating at Academy examinations.

An Academy spokesman, revealing that most of the students had confessed to "seeking outside assistance in their academic work," explained last week that the action had been encouraged by the "dangerous tradition" of placing value on members of the Academy football team who were thus often led to neglect their scholastic work. He said some 80 students would be dismissed, since their actions, "a terrible shock to us all," completely undermined the army's and the Academy's code of honour.

Negev Moshav Wants To Move to City

BETH SHEAN, Wednesday. — Because they were refused permission to move to the Tel Aviv area, the settlers of Moshav Ma'ariv in the Negev have announced their intention of staging a "sit-in" strike in Tel Aviv at Hakirya or at the Jewish Agency.

Meanwhile, the Negev Commission has removed agricultural equipment of the moshav to other settlements. It was learned here today.

Officials say that the Ma'ariv settlers, who demonstrated before the Be'er Sheva office of the Authority last week, have grounds for complaint except that they have had to perform excessive night work and that their lands were good and water was plentiful, a spokesman asserted.

New settlers, the Authority announced, will receive loans up to IL100 weekly until the next potato crop comes in, on the condition that they work on their farms at least two days a week. Most settlers work outside until their crops are ready.

Histadrut Opposes Higher Water Rate

The Secretariat of the Jerusalem branch of the Histadrut yesterday adopted a resolution condemning the Municipal Council's action on Tuesday in abolishing the 80 per cent reduction in water rates for buildings and industry.

During the discussion it was stressed that the reduced water rates constituted one of Jerusalem's chief attractions for builders and potential investors. Construction in the capital has always been more costly than in other cities, and the higher water rates will be a further deterrent, it was felt.

The Secretariat declared that it would do "all in its power" to restore the reduction.

Seven Remanded For Death in Food Queue

Seven men sleeping in the queue from 18 to 20 were remanded for 15 days by Jerusalem Magistrate E. Mack yesterday, in connection with the death of Mr. Sasson Sharo, 76. He died on Tuesday in Hadassah Hospital as the result of a heart attack in a food queue in the Castel market.

The seven are charged with having caused the death of the deceased.

The accused are Nahman Hamim, 55; Shalom Aharon, 60; Shalom Ya'akov, 33; Menachem Yitzhak, 25; Shalom Ya'akov, 18; Menachem Hamim, 20; and Shalom Ya'akov, 25.

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CEASE-FIRE PRELUDE TO FURTHER POLITICAL BATTLES KOREAN ARMISTICE PROBLEMS

By SEBASTIAN HAFNER

LONDON. — It is not surprising that the cease-fire negotiations in Kaesong have had heavy going. Though ostensibly they are dealing only with purely temporary and purely military arrangements, leaving the final political decisions about the future of Korea to a later Conference between the belligerent governments, they may in fact prejudice these political decisions to a considerable extent. Indeed, it is not impossible that a political settlement will prove elusive, and that the armistice arrangements will for quite a long time have to serve as a de facto settlement.

This would be very much in line with post-war experience. As everyone knows, the European peace settlement of the 1919-45 war is still outstanding, and the purely temporary and purely military arrangements made for the demarcation of Allied occupation zones have now remained in force for more than six years. Similarly, the cease-fire lines between India and Pakistan in Kashmir, and between Israel and the Arab States, have been in force for several years.

The same may well happen in Korea. For that reason alone, it is of some importance where the cease-fire lines are drawn, and what are the exact conditions of an armistice which may last for quite a long time. Moreover, the armistice conditions will probably somewhat influence the course of the ensuing peace negotiations.

Unity by Diplomacy

In these peace negotiations, it will be the obvious objective of the United Nations to achieve by diplomacy the unification of Korea which was not achieved by military means. It is impossible for the United Nations to take any other line. Even before the war, the U.N. General Assembly committed itself to the creation of a united Korea by its resolution of December 12, 1948; and during the war, this policy was reaffirmed by the resolution of October 7, 1950. There is no honourable going back on solid commitments of this kind, each backed by a huge majority of the U.N. General Assembly. Quite apart from reasons of prestige, however, it seems intolerably cruel to maintain, after a year of war and suffering, the artificial and foreign-imposed partition of the Korean nation into two hostile States, which makes a renewal of war sooner or later almost inevitable.

But in terms of the sheer balance of military power, the maintenance of this partition seems the exact result to which the outcome of the Korean fighting points.

In the difficult diplomatic struggle for this objective the U.N. Powers cannot afford to give away any point; and some very important points may already be won or lost during the present military cease-fire negotiations. Two issues in particular will greatly influence the chances of future unification. One is the actual drawing of the cease-fire line, which is now threatening the negotiations with deadlock and breakdown. The other, which will immediately arise if this breakdown is prevented, is the question of the supervision of the armistice arrangements.

Armistice Problems

On the first issue, the Communist side wants to see the cease-fire line based on the 38th Parallel, while the U.N. side wants to have it based on the present military position, which runs in an irregular line from just south of the 38th Parallel in the West to about 30 miles north of it in the East. The chief official argument of the U.N. negotiators is that this position is, from a military viewpoint, convenient and defensible, while the theoretical line of the 38th Parallel makes no sense as a military position at all. This is true enough, but since the disadvantage of a position on the 38th Parallel would hit both sides, it might not in itself appear as a decisive argument for insisting on the present fighting position as the armistice demarcation line. A more weighty reason is that the present line stresses the purely military nature of the present arrangements and leaves the field for political negotiations at least open; while the 38th Parallel, which from a military point of view makes no sense at all, could only be justified by its political significance and would clearly symbolize an acceptance by both sides of the status quo making a reopening of the partition question almost impossible.

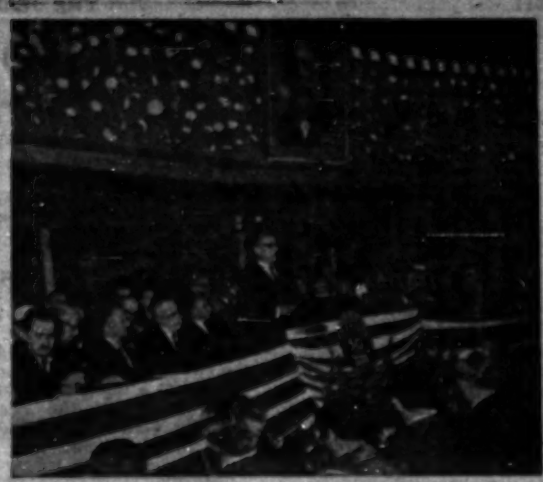
Commission's Uses

As regards the supervision of the armistice, it is already known that the Communists want the function of any armistice commission restricted to a patrolling of the demilitarized no-man's land between the lines, while the U.N. will insist on the right of the Armistice Commission to range over the whole of Korea and supervise the movements of

men and supplies behind the lines of both sides.

But again there is also an even more important political side to the matter. An armistice commission which can freely move across the lines over the whole of Korea may in itself become something like a unifying factor; it will at least be one international organ dealing with Korea as a whole and able to disregard the actual military and political partition. If, on the other hand, it can only move to and fro between the trench lines which divide the country — as the Communists propose — there will be nothing to prevent the creation of a new Iron Curtain along the new demarcation line — indeed, the right to erect such an Iron Curtain will be implicitly recognized in advance.

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Dr. Abraham Granat, Chairman of the Jewish National Fund's Board of Directors, speaking at the opening of the Fund's World Conference in Jerusalem on Tuesday evening. Seated left to right under a picture of Dr. Hermann Scheraga, the founder of the Fund, are: Mr. Y. Sprinzak, Speaker of the Knesset; Dr. Israel Galanter, Honorary President of the J.N.F. in America; Mr. David Lasker, Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive; Rabbi Y. Meizman, Minister of Religious Affairs; Dr. Morris I. Lurie, President of the J.N.F. in America; Dr. Gerson Rabinowitch, Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive; Mr. Golda Myerson, Minister of Labour; and Mr. M. Shapira, Minister of the Interior.

Preparing for the Congress

By JUNE ROSE

WHEN you have walked the wobbly plank up to the new Congress Hall and dodged the steel rods and scaffolding and sawdust, and blocked your ears to the dinning drills and hammers, it is necessary to close your eyes and dream awhile.

In less than a week this hall will be the venue for the first Zionist Congress to be held in Israel. The red carpets (there really are some) will be unrolled, the flags unfurled and the telephones and carphones will buzz with speeches. To clamber round the hall is like stumbling unaware on an obstacle race: at present it is in a state of frenzied preparation. Painters coat the ceiling with whitewash; white and yellow canvas drapings half cover the pillars and walls; and in the back of the hall, rows of tip-up wooden seats await occupants. In the foreground, tables for delegates and officials are ready, but not the chairs. All the fittings of the hall are temporary and will be dismantled including the ceiling of asbestos sheeting. The hall seats 1,800; 1,000 seats are set aside for delegates and officials, the rest for the public.

Mural's Depict Ingathering

As the opening ceremony on Mount Herzl draws nearer, the 100 or so workmen hurrying to complete the hall will finish their job. In the front of the Congress Hall, a square patch of land, lumpy with rocks and sand heaps,

will be levelled off for the delegates. They will ascend the wooden steps to the entrance to the hall, gay with murals depicting the Ingathering of the Exiles. Then they will pass into an exhibition hall showing Israel's commercial development. Who's fine handiwork will be on show and sale, a branch of the Anglo-Palestine Bank will exchange money for the visitors and travel agencies and shipping companies will be at their disposal.

On the same floor, cold drinks and snacks will be sold, and in the cool lofty basement below, a cafeteria is planned. At present all these rooms are still quite bare. Above the main hall, the cubicles for interpreters, awnings, furniture and equipment. Wiring for telephones is in progress.

It takes faith to believe that the hall will be finished on time. But everyone there is quite confident. Delegates and visitors seeing the scaffolding and building materials for the permanent Convention Centre, are bound to get an impression of haste and confusion. But work on the Convention Centre will be halted while the Congress is in progress.

The city of Jerusalem will be virtually out of bounds to Israelis during the Congress. So far 300 overseas visitors have arrived. Up to 600 more are expected. The Accommodation Department of the Congress is elbowing frantically to find more room. Many of the delegates have come optimistically without booking. Almost all of them want first class hotels; many specify that they want a room with a bath and telephone; some have even threatened to take the next plane home if they can't get first class hotels.

'Sleeping a la carte'

Jerusalem's main hotels have turned over their rooms entirely to visitors to the Congress. Apart from residents and tourists who booked for a few days before rooms became so hard to get, that no Israeli can get into Jerusalem's first class hotels. But all payment in the better class hotels has to be made exclusively in foreign currency. Jerusalemites have rallied to the cry for rooms; 250 rooms in private homes at IL1 to IL1.200 per day have been offered.

Accommodation in this

Karabed in the nineteen twenties when gentlemen were asked to sleep 'a la carte'.

All delegates and visitors to the Congress are asked to fill out an application form, stating details of their business and the kind of accommodation they would prefer. Question 17 in the form asks "As you will most probably have to share a room, please state if you wish to make any suggestions with whom to share your room."

One modest visitor conscientiously replied "with my wife."

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On July 21, Nadar Hacamard, Haifa, wallet containing bank book, personal documents, photographs. Finder please return to "R.H." No. 18800, THE JERUSALEM POST, Haifa. Generous reward.

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Invite all Mizrahi and Sephardi Hamizrahi visitors to participate in a tour of the Jerusalem Corridor tomorrow, Friday, August 10. Transport will leave Beit Meir at 7.30 a.m. and return to Jerusalem at 1 p.m. All interested should hand in their names to Room 8, Beit Meir.

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Readers' Letters

ARMY SERVICE
To the Editor of The Post: — After reading the article "On Army Service and Military Ethics" by Mr. Klotzel, I think the way this problem is tackled in Britain (which also has peace-time conscription for the first time in history) may be of interest. The call-up of anyone training for a career is deferred until his education is completed. This affects students as well as apprentices. The universities and colleges and the evening schools for apprentices are trained to keep only students who are fit to stay. I.Q. tests on the part of the Government are thus dispensed with.

At the end of their training, graduates and apprentices are inducted into an appropriate specialist unit of the services, graduates in Arts usually entering the Corps of Education or of Intelligence. While at college, the student may join the local contingent of the University Training Corps where he is given basic training so that, if successful, he may on call-up proceed direct to an Officers Cadet Training Unit.

Some universities, notably most colleges of Cambridge University, require intending students to do their national service before "coming up." They hold that the two years' service, far from spoiling his chances at the University will broaden the outlook of the boy straight from school, will sharpen his intellectual acumen, and prove an admirable complement to his "back-ground." This was borne out by the surprisingly high standard of ex-Service students at British universities.

If a young man becomes a better teacher, engineer, chemist, etc., when his specialist education is preceded by a period of national service — and there seems to be much to support this argument — his call-up should not be deferred.

Yours etc.

MICHAEL BERGER
(once an ex-service student)
August 3.

HITTING THE 'BLACK'

To the Editor of The Post: — We will never eradicate the Black Market by imposing light fines — even if these fines amount to a few hundred pounds. I suggest that in the future people convicted of contraventions against price controls, hiding of rationed goods, etc. should have their premises closed for a period of not less than three months. In a further case of conviction, the premises are to be

closed indefinitely and trading licence withdrawn. It is to be hoped that after drastic measures of this nature to our national life will cease.

Yours etc.

POST OFFICE CONGRATULATED

To the Editor of The Post: — Having had on many occasions reasons for complaints concerning the services of our Post, Telephone and Telegraph Department, we are only too pleased to have the opportunity of complimenting them publicly on their efficiency, when handing us promptly a telegram which was addressed "Dear Haifa," while our cable address is "Tasman Haifa."

There was nothing in the contents of the telegram to indicate it was meant for us.

Yours etc.

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PHARMACISTS' LUNCH-TIME

To the Editor of The Post: — Pharmacists are institutions which are supposed to serve the public. At night and on holidays arrangements are made to insure an adequate service. Why is it then when I need a medicine urgently I found pharmacies in the neighbourhood of King George Ave with notices "Closed from 1.30 - 3 or 3.30 p.m." Does the municipality consider correct for all pharmacists to keep the same lunch hours?

Yours etc.

Dr. ARTHUR STERN
Jerusalem.

THE RESERVES IN THE EXERCISES

The main strength of the Israel Defence Army is its well organized and easily mobilized Reserve. Its education, despite certain apprehensions, the high morale of the Reserve reported immediately on first call. To our pride, the Military Courts found these reserves without fault. The experience of last year's manoeuvres proved that in spite of many years of training, the Reserve is a force to be reckoned with. The Reserve is a force to be reckoned with. The Reserve is a force to be reckoned with.

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WE have recently received the first report of an acquaintance who left Israel to join his family in Los Angeles. His enthusiasm is tempered, although he writes that he can buy 80 different kinds of bread in the super-market. The newspapers are incredibly bulky, he writes, but consist mainly of full-page advertisements, comic strips and murders, in great detail — he says there was more to read in The Jerusalem Post's four pages than in the 32 or 36 pages he gets now. And it also worried him that when he buys a paper it always has the next day's date already. He found a flat straightaway, but the garbage business still bothers him. You can't just put it out in the bin and hope the man will come to collect it. It has all got to be sorted out; some to be crushed in a

Later, many of us have taken to cooking with butter because we had no margarine, but it seems that even this is not the worst that can happen to a housewife in this country. A woman in Haifa recently invited her niece, who lives in a kibbutz, to spend her holiday in town with her. The girl observed the trouble with fruit and vegetables, and rapidly came to the conclusion that it was as hard work, and a great deal less satisfying, to queue for tomatoes for hours than to bend over the plants picking them. She also spoke of the onion crop. When her holiday was up and she was due to go home again, her aunt asked her whether she could perhaps send them a few onions, as a present. The woman was delighted to collect her parcel a few days later. In it were some fine pears, and a little note "We thought this was nicer than onions."

THE report that Marc

Chagall is to take over the ceramics kiln in the south of France that Pablo Picasso had been using has brought us an evening whether we might now look forward to real "flying saucers".

THE British Israelites, who

nurse a theory that the Britons are the direct descendants of the lost ten tribes of Israel, continue to have supporters in all parts of the British Empire. It is rare, however, that they receive scientific or historical support. We have a clipping before us from the South African "Daily News" reporting a lecture by a certain Dr. E. S. Priestley, who told a dermatological congress at Durban that "the racial origins of an individual may be discerned from the ridges, furrows and grooves of the feet." Research, he claimed, had revealed the similarity of British and Jewish



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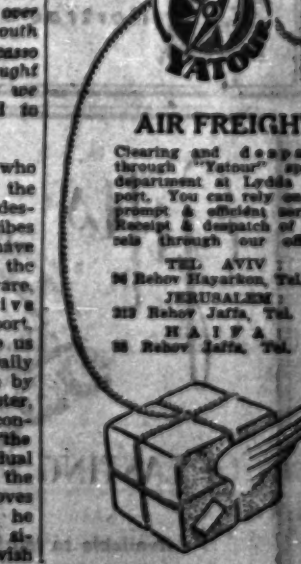
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Philippines Give \$50,000 to UNICEF

A contribution of 100,000 pesos (\$50,000) from the government of the Philippines to the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund was announced recently by UNICEF officials. This brings the total Philippine contribution to \$250,000.

It was, as everybody knows,

Queen Marie Antoinette who said that if the people had no bread, why, let them eat cake.

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